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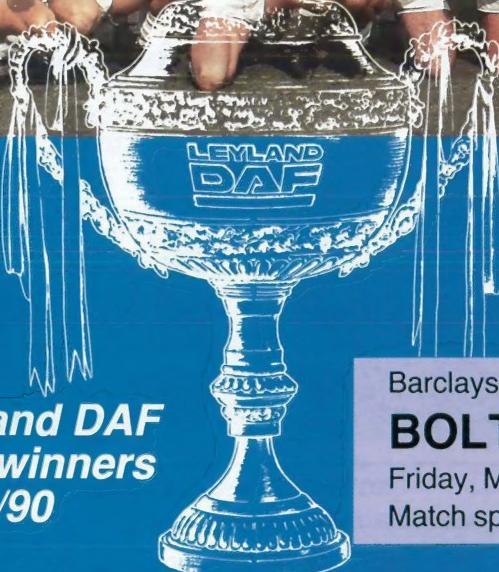
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PRENTON

LOYAL SUPPORTERS PASS ON

On behalf of everybody at Tranmere Rovers we extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Andy Thompson and Emma Sherlock, two longstanding fans who passed on recently. Mr Thompson (82) of the Mount Estate died on February 11th while Mrs Sherlock, the mother of Prenton Pups worker Denise Sands, tragically died while Denise and Les were on holiday in Australia causing their trip to be cut short.

SEEN AND HEARD

Congratulations, if that's the right word, to our Youth Development Officer Warwick Rimmer on reaching his 50th birthday today (on the visit of his old club too)... League attendances for the current season will surely pass the 100,000 mark tonight... Dave Fairclough is packing in football after being freed by Wigan and is likely to pursue his ambition to become a football reporter... Our 1-0 win at Grimsby was our first in 19 visits.

OUR BOYS IN THE GULF

We hear of another Rovers fanatic who is serving in Operation Granby out in the Gulf. Gunner Mike Monaghan of Queens Drive, Ellesmere Port is with the Tank Regiment and is hopefully keeping his head down. On behalf of all his family and mates on the terraces we say "Get the job done and come home safely." The same applies to Chris Thomas who is serving on HMS Brave in the Gulf.

PRESTON CUP TIE PLANS

The stand is ALL TICKET for this match, but entry to the ground is by cash at the turnstiles on the night.

Stand tickets will be on sale tonight and as long as stocks last from the ticket office in the Main Car park.

LOCAL LADS SIGN IN

Last week was a real milestone in the lives of two Tranmere fans, John Hammond and Damien Lepts, for they signed Associate Schoolboy forms for the club at Valley Road. The two promising youngsters are pictured with Micky O'Brien (Scout) and Warwick Rimmer. John Hammond is shaking hands with Warwick. Welcome aboard the good ship Tranmere!



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ON THE WEMBLEY TRAIL AGAIN

Our splendid victory over Wigan Athletic the other week has set up the mouth watering prospect of another trip to Wembley for the Leyland DAF Cup Final on **Sunday 26th May**.

But first we must overcome the challenge of a revitalised Preston side next Tuesday (March 5th) here at Prenton Park and again at Deepdale in the second leg of the Northern Final on Tuesday April 9th.

Success in the Leyland DAF Cup is however seen by everyone as an enjoyable bonus to the main issue at hand – gaining promotion to Division Two. Go for it lads!

TODAYS REFEREE

David Phillips from Barnsley is an administrative Supervisor. Married with a son he took up the whistle in 1970 and made the League list in 1985. He was in the middle for the 1989 FA Youth Cup Final. Away from football he enjoys gardening golf and cricket. He was the official when Tranmere and Crewe gained promotion in 1989.

FASTEST GOAL POSER

Rovers fan Dr. Russ Newton from Swansea has come up with a real poser connected to the subject of Rovers fastest ever goal. Can you answer it without cheating?

Q: Tony Thomas' goal has now ousted that of George Hudson as the quickest goal ever scored by a Tranmere player. However, in one respect George Hudson's goal *is* the quickest recorded in the Football League – in what respect?

A: It is the quickest scored after the opposition have kicked off.

A LETTER FROM AMERICA

18342, Joran Street, Reseda,
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5 February 1991

Dear Peter,

Saturday 2 February 1991. Barclays League Division Three.

Leyton Orient	4	Tranmere Rovers	0
Stoke City	2	Chester	3
Bishop (53, 57)			

I REST MY CASE!

P.S. Also, do you know what it's like to walk into a bar over here on a Saturday afternoon*, proudly wearing your Rovers shirt, to be met with 'see your lot got stuffed then!' from assorted Londoners – Arsenal, Chelsea, Spurs, Palace et al.

Come on lads, do it for me....please
(*we're 8 hours behind here)

Regards,
Mark White.

TEAM CHECK

Tranmere Rovers

Colours: All White

1. Eric NIXON
2. Dave HIGGINS
3. Steve MUNGALL
4. Neil McNAB
5. Mark HUGHES
6. Shaun GARNETT
7. Kenny IRONS
8. Jimmy HARVEY
9. Jim STEEL
10. Ian MUIR
11. Tony THOMAS
12. Steve COOPER
14. John MORRISSEY

Match Officials

Referee:
Mr. DAVID PHILLIPS
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Bolton Wanderers

Colours: Sky/Navy

1. David FELGATE
2. Phil BROWN
3. Barry COWDRILL
4. Mark PATTERSON
5. Mark SEAGRAVES
6. Mark WINSTANLEY
7. Scott GREEN
8. Steve THOMPSON
9. David REEVES
10. Tony PHILLISKIRK
11. Julian DARBY
12. Allan STUBBS
14. Paul COMSTIVE

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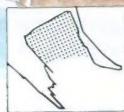
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The MANAGEMENT

Good evening to you all. Tonight's match with Bolton has considerable significance for both clubs and is sure to be played in front of one of Prenton Park's biggest 'gates' of the season. Prior to Tuesday's 2-1 defeat we had suffered only two defeats in our last 15 matches, while Bolton have enjoyed a tremendous unbeaten run in 21 League matches.

Though we have the utmost respect for Bolton and the consistency they've shown, all things have to come to an end sometime and perhaps we can be the ones to do it – but you can be sure it won't be easy.

We will have to be at our best and I would appeal to you all to get behind the lads right from the off as your vocal support can play a vital role in the team's success – just as it has done before.

We didn't come out of the winter wraps very well against Fulham. Though they had the same problem, Fulham closed us down well and at the end of the day we didn't have enough to take the game.

But give credit to the lads, they realised

they would have to get their act together quickly and to go to Wigan and win in the manner they did, with a bit of style, was very pleasing.

Before the game I told them that anyone who doesn't want to give everything and put their hearts into it, don't bother coming.

All our goals were classics, but before we earned the right to play we had to win the battle and that we did because Wigan are well capable of putting you under a lot of pressure. Make no mistake we want to go to Wembley again. You love going there and so do the players.

I don't think in terms of one thing being more important than another. I want to win every match we play in and be involved in as many important games as possible. Sure, promotion is the target, but I want to win the Leyland DAF Cup as well.

Much has been said about the pressures affecting Managers since Kenny Dalglish resigned last week. Of course, there is pressure at the top because people's expectations are high, but as far as I'm concerned there's a hell of a lot more pressure when your side is struggling near the bottom and you think you'll be

relegated. One bad decision and you are dead!

Football Management is all about making decisions because the buck stops at the Manager's door.

As a Manager you are never right. If you get it right and it comes off people say 'Well, that's what he should have done', but if your decision doesn't come off you are a complete fool!

In the last week, I've had to make a couple of tough decisions – like leaving out Vickers and Morrissey at Wigan.

In my book they were the right decisions because we won the game. Then at Grimsby we made a little bit of a change bringing on Morrissey for Harvey and that decision happened to coincide with a goal. Irons' goal was a beauty and secured three very valuable points and, I'm told, our first ever win there.

Sadly, we couldn't build on that success at Huddersfield where Eric Nixon's sending off proved decisive.

After tonight's match with Bolton we have another huge hurdle to face next Tuesday in Preston, so it looks as though every match from now to June is going to be like a Cup tie!

As I've said before it's a long, hard journey – perhaps too long these days – let's hope there's a crock of gold for us at the end of it.

Finally, a warm welcome to Phil Neal and everyone from Bolton, let's hope the match lives up to its pre-match billing.

Cheers,
John King



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BOLTON WANDERERS

FORM CHECK

Not even Third division pacesetters Southend and Grimsby can match Bolton's remarkable club record of 21 unbeaten League matches – which stretches back to October 6th and a defeat by Stoke City. Their run also included seven successive League victories, one of which saw us beaten 2-1 at Burnden Park. The pick of the results however was a 1-0 success at Grimsby, courtesy of Scott Greens' goal. On the minus side though, Bolton dipped out of the Leyland DAF Cup at the preliminary round after an embarrassing 0-3 reverse at Blackpool. Bolton's F.A. Cup run was finally terminated by Mark Hughes of Manchester United in a 4th round tie at Old Trafford after previous victories over Witton Albion, Chesterfield and Barrow. The visitors leading scorers are Philliskirk with 20 followed by Julian Darby and David Reeves with eight apiece.

Results Sequence

Dec 1	Tranmere (H) 2-1 (Green, Philliskirk)
Dec 11	Chesterfield FAC (A) 4-3 (Storer, Thompson, Reeves, Philliskirk)
Dec 15	Fulham (A) 1-0 (Philliskirk)
Dec 18	Blackpool LDC (A) 0-3
Dec 22	Cambridge (H) 2-2 (Storer, Thompson)
Dec 26	Southend (A) 1-1 (Green)
Dec 29	Birmingham (A) 3-1 (Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby)
Jan 1	Bournemouth (H) 4-1 (Comstive 2, Philliskirk, Darby)
Jan 5	Barrow FAC (H) 1-0 (Philliskirk)
Jan 12	Bradford (A) 1-1 (Philliskirk)
Jan 19	Shrewsbury (H) 1-0 (Thompson)
Jan 25	Manchester Utd FAC (A) 0-1
Feb 2	Preston NE (A) 2-1 (Philliskirk 2)
Feb 5	Brentford (H) 1-0 (o.g.)
Feb 9	Huddersfield (H) 1-1 (Philliskirk)
Feb 13	Exeter (H) 1-0 (Reeves)
Feb 16	Grimsby (H) 0-0
Feb 23	Reading (A) 1-0 (Cowdrill)



TEAM TALK

A well balanced and largely settled side has been the key to Bolton's tremendous run of unbeaten matches which has fired the hopes of Wanderers long suffering supporters.

Phil Neal has made three significant signings this season which have all paid rich dividends. During the summer a £50,000 fee secured the services of promising Derby County midfielder Scott Green and then in late September Mark Seagraves arrived from Manchester City for £100,000 and the former Liverpool central defender has been a revelation.

Bolton's most recent purchase was left sided midfielder Mark Patterson, who cost £65,000 from hard up neighbours Bury. Earlier, Neal swooped for his old Liverpool team mate Sammy Lee, but after a handful of games the former England International schemer sustained a knee injury which will keep him out of the side until next season.

Bolton play an orthodox 4-4-2 system with ever present goalkeeper Dave Felgate behind a back four which sees Phil Brown and Barry Cowdrill flanking a central defensive partnership of Seagraves and 'home grown' prospect, Mark Winstanley.

Mark McCarricks former Winsford school mate, Mark Came, is the main challenger to Seagraves and Winstanley.

There is plenty of competition however for the four midfield berths. With Mark Patterson settling in on the left and Steve Thompson and Julian Darby at the hub of things, the remaining place is likely to be disputed by Scott Green, Paul Comstive (who waged a personal war against us while with Wrexham and Burnley!) or flankman Stuart Storer, who has scored some spectacular goals this season and made a good percentage of those scored by Bolton's "Bros Boys". Tony Philliskirk (see star man) and his foil, Birkenhead born David Reeves. Reeves has not been a prolific scorer for Bolton but would love to put one over on the club that ignored him when he was starring for Birkenhead Boys and Heswall.

Versatile youngster Allan Stubbs completes the squad and is likely to be on the bench where he has featured for much of the campaign.

MANAGEMENT



With Bolton very much in contention for an automatic promotion place **PHIL NEAL'S** relationship with the Burnden Park crowd has rarely been better. But it hasn't always been so despite the fact that Bolton have been to Wembley twice – winning the Sherpa Van Trophy on the last occasion. Bolton folk take a long time to take to those they regard as 'outsiders', and only now is the Bolton Manager earning the recognition locally that he enjoys nationally.

Widely regarded as the best attacking full back of the seventies and early eighties, Phil started his career at Northampton Town before a £65,000 move in 1974 took him to Liverpool.

At Anfield he won every honour the game has to offer except the F.A. Cup, including eight League Championship medals, four League Cup tankards, a UEFA Cup winners medal and four European Cup winners medals – not to mention 50 England caps.

Passed over for the Liverpool Managers job, Phil joined Bolton as Player-Manager in December 1985 and at the end of his first season led Bolton out at Wembley in the then Freight Rover Trophy Final – but Bolton lost to Bristol City.

But the honeymoon ended abruptly the following season when Bolton slipped into the Fourth division for the first time. However, within 12 months, Neal had restored Third division status and now looks odds on to help them back to the Second, unless of course he gets the call to return to Anfield. His number two is **MICK BROWN**.



Back row, left to right: Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage. Middle row: Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie (now Lincoln), Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (Coach). Front row: Ewan Simpson (Physiotherapist), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach).

CLUB RECORDS AND HONOURS

Year Formed: 1874

Previous Name(s): Christ Church F.C.

Joined Football League: 1888 Founder Members

Honours: F.A. Cup Winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958; Beaten Finalists 1894, 1904, 1953. Division Two Champions: 1909, 1978, Division Three Champions: 1973, Sherpa Van Trophy Winners 1989; Freight Rover Trophy Finalists 1986; Charity Shield Winners 1958.

Best League Performance: 3rd Div 1 1892, 1921, 1925.

Best League Cup Performance: Semi Final 1976-77.

Most Appearances: Eddie Hopkinson 578. **Record Scorer in a match:** J. Cassidy (5) 1890, T. Caldwell (5) 1983.

Record Scorer in a Season: Joe Smith (38) 1921.

Record Scorer in a Career: Nat Lofthouse 285.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £350,000 to W.B.A. for Len Cantello 1979.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £340,000 from Birmingham, Neil Whatmore 1974.

Most Capped Player: Nat Lofthouse 33 England.

STAR MAN

Everytime **TONY PHILLISKIRK** scores for Bolton, it must send shivers down the back of every Preston fan. Branded a flop at Deepdale, Tony has proved himself a bargain buy, even at £50,000, with some 45 goals in 18 months.

Sunderland born he has also played for Sheffield United, Rotherham (on loan) and Oldham. Good in the air and on the ground, Tony is also quite a specialist from free kicks – as Eric Nixon will testify.

Has formed a deadly partnership with Birkenhead lad David Reeves.



ROLL CALL

NAME	POS (G)	BIRTHPLACE	AGE	PREVIOUS CLUBS
David Felgate		Blaenau Ffestiniog	30	Bolton, Rochdale, Crewe, Lincoln, Grimsby, Cardiff(L), Bolton, Grimsby.
Phil Brown	(D)	Hartlepool	33	Hartlepool, Halifax
Barry Cowdrill	(D)	Birmingham	34	W.B.A., Rotherham(L)
Mark Came	(D)	Exeter	29	Winsford Utd.
Mark Winstanley	(D)	St. Helens	23	Ex YTS
Mark Seagraves	(D)	Bootle	24	Liverpool, Norwich(L), Man City
Mark Patterson	(M)	Darwen	25	Blackburn, Preston, Bury
Paul Comstive	(M)	Southport	29	Blackburn, Rochdale(L), Wigan, Wrexham, Burnley
Steve Thompson	(M)	Oldham	26	Ex YTS
Scott Green	(M)	Walsall	20	Derby County
Julian Darby	(M)	Bolton	23	Ex YTS
Stuart Storer	(F)	Harborough	24	Mansfield, Birmingham, Everton, Wigan(L)
David Reeves	(F)	Birkenhead	23	Heswall, Sheff Wed, Scunthorpe(L), Burnley(L)
Tony Philliskirk	(F)	Sunderland	26	Sheff Utd, Rotherham(L), Oldham, Preston
Allan Stubbs	(D/M)	Kirkby	19	Ex YTS

PASSING BACK

CONNECTIONS

Two current members of staff have strong links with today's visitors. Youth Development Officer WARWICK RIMMER played the bulk of his career at Burnden Park making almost 500 appearances between 1960 and 1975. Warwick, who 'celebrates' his 50th birthday today, was also Commercial Manager at both clubs. NEIL McNAB once cost Bolton £250,000, when he was transferred from Spurs in 1978 and made 39 appearances before moving on to Brighton. Coincidentally, Neil made his debut for us against Bolton in January 1990.

BILL RIDING managed Rovers throughout the last war (1939-45) but moved onto Bolton where he led the Wanderers to the 1953 F.A. Cup Final with the help of another Rovers oldboy JOHNNY WHEELER. Wheeler made 101 appearances for us before an £11,000 transfer to Burnden Park in 1951 which also brought Nat Lofthouse's understudy, VINCE DILLON, to Prenton Park in exchange.

One of the most popular figures at both clubs has been FRANK WORTHINGTON. Frank was idolised at Burnden Park scoring many memorable goals there – just as he did here during his spell as Player-Manager. One of the players Frank brought here, GRAHAM BELL, an industrious midfield player also had a spell at Bolton. In recent years, JOHN PLATT and JOHN THOMAS have played for both clubs coming here on loan. Deep in the mists of time, Tom Buchan (1923), Harold Hilton (1921-23), Vince Matthews (1925), Percy Thirkell (1925-29) and Richard Oxtoby (1963) have also served both clubs.



FLASHBACK



Ian Muir celebrates after scoring against Bolton in last season's Leyland DAF Cup semi-final success

MEMORY MATCH

TRANMERE 2 ... BOLTON 0 1987

IT was night to savour at Prenton Park as Tranmere Rovers continued their climb up the Fourth Division table with a conclusive, first ever victory over Bolton Wanderers on December 15, 1987.

Rovers not only played sparkling football in a five-star display but also registered two superb goals.

They dominated virtually throughout and would have won by a greater margin but for some superb goalkeeping by David Felgate.

Jim Steel, twice, and Steve Mungall were the chief sufferers at the hands of the 'keeper while Ken McKenna fired inches wide when put clear by Steel.

Turning to face the wind and rain Rovers looked to be up against it in the second period but their grip on the proceedings never weakened.

JIM HARVEY finally broke the deadlock in the 73rd minute with a 20-yard effort after linking with Mark McCarrick from a quickly-taken free kick. The ball soared past Felgate into the roof of the net.

The goal came just five minutes after a

double substitution when John Morrissey and Steve Craven replaced McKenna and Eddie Murray.

Morrissey proved his worth as Tranmere broke from defence for a spectacular 86th minute second goal. He won the ball and inter-passed with Dave Martindale. He then put through a perfect pass to STEEL and the latter drove home just inside the right-hand upright for a perfect finish to a magic moment.

The only sickener was that the net gain from the success was just one point after having two deducted for not fulfilling the fixture on the original date!

Attendance 3,064.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

Tranmere v Bolton the Story so far...

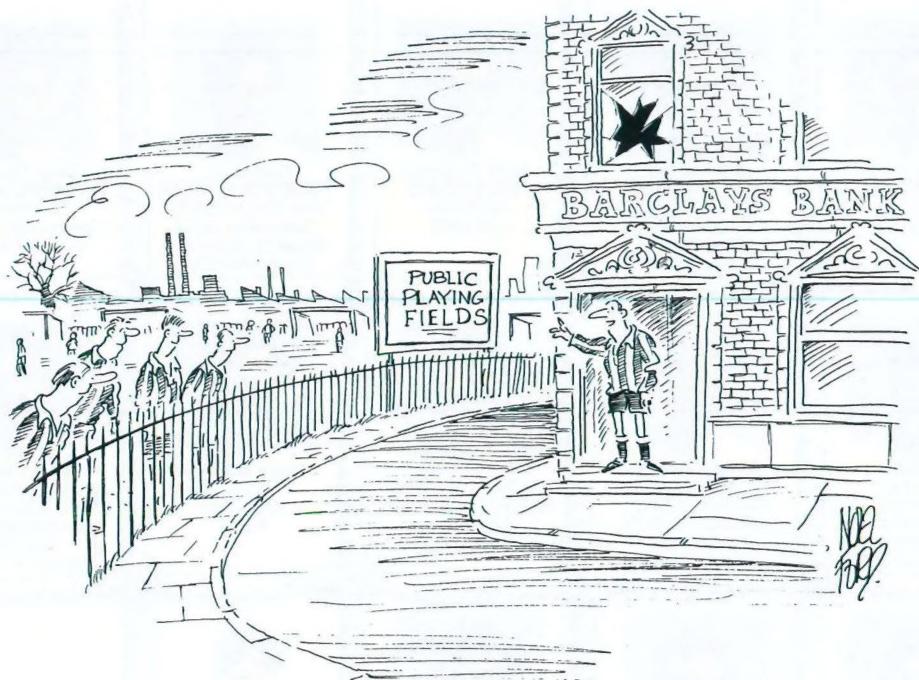
Season	Division	Home	Away
71-72	3	0-0	0-1
72-73	3	1-1	0-2
87-88	4	2-0	0-2
89-90	3	1-3	1-1
90-91	3	-	1-2
Summary			
Home	P	W	D
Home	4	1	2
Away	5	0	1
TOTAL	9	1	3
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	5	4	4
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FOOTBALL in the COMMUNITY

Tranmere Rovers Ladies F.C.

Tranmere Rovers Ladies have played two league games since our last column. The first against bottom of the table Sale was a one sided affair with the Ladies achieving a 23-0 victory. Kelly Burns led the way with nine goals, Julie Kerr scored five with Karen Malone, Tracy Gill and Kelly Jones each netting twice. Jane Lewis, Nicky Jones and goalkeeper Dawn Parkes completed Sales misery. Kelly Burns was voted Player of the Match.

The next game against Rochdale was a much harder affair with the final score ending up at 2-2. Julie Kerr and Tracy Gill notched the goals in an exciting end to the game where both teams fully excelled themselves. Molly Gardner was voted Player of the Match.

The Ladies next match is at home to Man Utd 'B' on Sunday 3rd March at Valley Road.

NORTH WEST DIVISION 4

Up to and including 24th February

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Tranmere Rovers	16	15	1	0	137	16	31
Oldham All Stars	15	12	1	2	67	28	25
Rochdale	17	10	2	5	77	32	22
Bury	14	9	3	2	81	32	21
Oldham Athletic	16	9	3	4	55	32	21
Pilkingtons	15	9	2	4	84	26	20
Inner City	13	5	1	7	25	37	11
Bangor	14	5	0	9	42	58	10
Man Utd 'B'	15	3	3	9	37	47	9
Blackpool	17	4	1	12	33	57	9
A.F.C. Dry	17	2	1	14	13	153	5
Sale	14	0	0	14	9	142	0

Easter Soccer School for Girls

Football in the Community is holding a 4-day Soccer School for Girls in the Easter holidays.

Information is as follows:

Venue – Borough Road Playing Fields.

Dates – 2nd April-5th April.

Ages – 7 to 12 year olds.

Course Fee – £15.00.

Course Limit – 80.

Easter Soccer School for Boys

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For further information and application forms please phone Steve Williams on 051-608 2354.

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Chris – warming up

Club and have benefitted from the friendship offered to them from the Community Staff.

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We have also had a link with Raby Hall Autistic Centre and have been involved with the Lydiate Residential Centre for nearly two years now. This is a magnificent mansion set in the countryside near Willaston. Residents from the Lydiate attend every Tranmere Game and have been very courteous in our visits to the home. Activities have included match visits football skills, pool competitions and ground tours. The residents also have a full Tranmere strip to wear when playing football.

Football Clubs are now gaining a caring nature and we feel we are moving along the right tracks towards making Tranmere Rovers a pleasurable place to visit for all the community.

If there are any organisations with ideas or suggestions please phone Steve Williams on 608 2354.

Steve Williams
Community Development Officer

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"The more that families attend, the more Tranmere Rovers can build for the future.

"It's good for the club and even better for the community to have people involved of all ages and create that happy family atmosphere.

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"Obviously attitudes have improved as we don't have the louts running around any more causing concern for parents and frightening younger children. But again this is due to the level of support we have here; one that has

been a credit to the club".

Wirral News Group is planning to run a family profile spot for future editions, similar to the present Fanfile, but spotlighting the whole family.

If you are interested please send details of your family to: Family Corner, Wirral News Group, 76 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead L41 6HS.

Further details will appear in a future programme.

Now for this week's competition...

Six questions for all the family

1. Whose club record did Tony Thomas beat against Southend?
2. Who was the last full international to play for Rovers?
3. What title did the Rovers programme have in 1979/80?
4. What season did Rovers revert to their old white strip?
5. Who was John King's first signing in his second spell as manager?
6. Who scored the first and last goals in last season's defeat of Millwall?

Send your entries to the above address. The winning entry will receive 4 tickets for a forthcoming game.

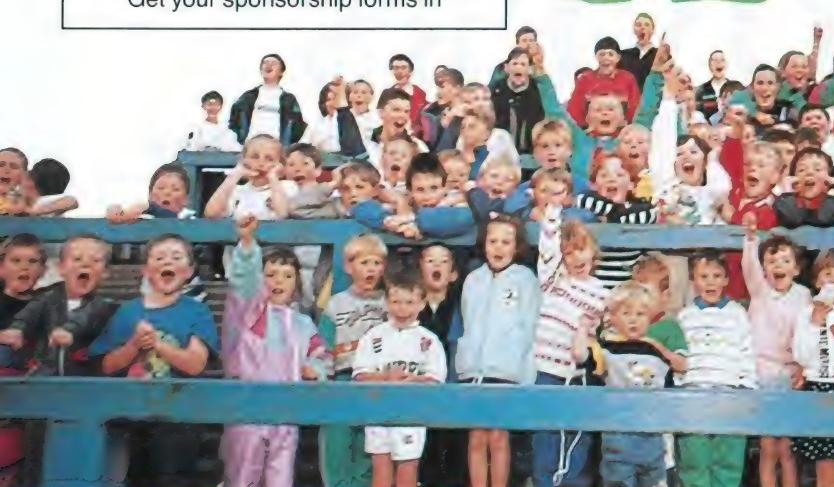
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Today's Mascot



Today's mascots are brother and sister John (7) and Hannah (5) Joynson of Winfrith Drive, Spital, Bebington.

John attends Poulton Lanclyn Primary School and enjoys playing football. His favourite players are Eric Nixon, Ian Muir and Tony Thomas. John's first match was versus Preston at home on August 23rd, 1986 (at the age of 2½). He is also a member of Prenton Pups. His most enjoyable match was the Leyland DAF final at Wembley. He also went to Wembley for the play-off final against Notts County.

Hannah attends Poulton Lanclyn Primary School. Hannah's favourite players are Eric Nixon and Ian Muir. Although she does not attend as many matches as her brother, she is a keen member of Prenton Pups.

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<<< REWIND <<<

TRANMERE 1 .. FULHAM 1

Barclays League Division 3

Saturday, 16th February, 1991

Tranmere: (1-11 order)

Nixon; Garnett, Mungall, Irons, Hughes, Vickers (McNab 72), Morrissey, Harvey, Steel, Muir (Cooper 72), Thomas.

Fulham: (1-11 order)

Stannard; Nebbeling (Langley 78), Marshall, Skinner, North, Fearney, Davies (Haag 72), Eckhardt, Stant, Brazil, Pike.

Referee: Mr John Brandwood (Lichfield)

Attendance: 5,211

Scorers: Stant (13) 0-1; Garnett (34) 1-1 (with a bit of help from Nebbeling!).

Cautions: Eckhardt 40, Fearney 71 (Both Fulham)

Corner Count: Tranmere 7 Fulham 10

PRESS VIEW:

"DIRE TRANMERE HIT THE PITS – Tranmere trundled along bereft of inspiration and urgency... Things can only improve" -- Wirral News.

"SPARK OUT – Fans were just as shocked after suffering one of Tranmores' worst home displays in years." – Daily Post.

"GARNETT LIFTS THE GLOOM – Tranmere looked nothing like promotion contenders in the 1-1 draw with Fulham." – Liverpool Echo.

"TRANMERE ESCAPE – As Fulhams' former Chairman Tommy Trinder used to say: "You lucky people!" – Sunday Express.

WIGAN 0 .. TRANMERE 3

Leyland DAF Cup Semi-Final

Tuesday, 19th February, 1991

Tranmere: (1-11 order)

Nixon; Higgins, Mungall, McNab, Hughes, Garnett, Irons (Morrissey 84), Harvey, Steel (Cooper 84), Muir, Thomas.



Steel power again . . . Jim thunders in another effort on the Fulham goal

Wigan: (1-11 order)

Hughes; Patterson (Pilling 69), Tanskard, Atherton, Johnson, Langley, I. Griffiths (Page 45), Rimmer, Daley, Jones, B. Griffiths.

Referee: Mike Peck (Kendal)

Attendance: 4,417

Scorers: Muir 2 (26, 61), Steel (50)

Cautions: None

Free Kick Count: (Conceded) Wigan 16 Tranmere 18

Corner Count: Wigan 7 Tranmere 5

PRESS VIEW:

"THE OLD ONE-TWO – Ian Muir and Jim Steel, who have such a special affection for the Leyland DAF Trophy (Cup!), inspired thoughts of another

Wembley romance last night... Muir pounced for a breath-taking opener... and Steel rose high to score a magnificent header. The defence looked stronger than ever where Dave Higgins was recalled." -- Daily Post.

"IT'S SHEER MUIR-DER! – Leading marksman Muir struck twice to take his tally to 16. And in both cases the 27 year old showed clinical finishing. – Daily Mirror.

"UP FOR THE COP! – Steels' magnificent 50th minute header made it 2-0 knocked the stuffing out of the Latics – and evoked memories of a great centre forwards of the past." – Liverpool Echo.

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REPLAY <<<

Heads it's mine – Jim Steel powers in a header against Fulham



>>> FAST FORWARD >>>

Coming next to Prenton Park . . .

Leyland DAF Northern Final 1st Leg

Tranmere v Preston North End

Tuesday 5th March 7.30 pm K.O.

With only one win from the last half dozen meetings the law of averages says Preston are due a win over Rovers sometime. But if Les Chapmans side lose again in this intriguing Northern Final some might suggest Rovers will get to keep their rivals on the mantlepiece!

Just when pundits like yours truly were saying North End's home record had finally put an end to the myth that playing on plastic gives you an unfair advantage up pops that 6-1 thrashing of Burnley.

Ronnie Jepson, a flame-haired enthusiast of a striker, smashed three on his Leyland debut which could pay back the £80,000 given to Port Vale if it clears the way for a Wembley day-out.

Jepson's jousts with the Rovers back line could prove firece stuff. In a spell at Peterborough last season rummel-them-up Ronnie scored 5 in 18 games. He left a few bruises along the way too.

Liverpool fan Jepson was popular with the Vale support, but as his contract was up in the summer they

decided to cash in quick and give him his chance elsewhere.

Jepson's arrival, plus Tranmere's seemingly effortless run of victories in the fixture, makes this one tasty. The reward of a trip to the Twin Towers makes it positively mouth-watering.

Preston's lowly league position means that this cup is the best way out of their depression. Relegation should be avoided in the meantime. Suddenly they are potent opponents, with Jepson's determination added to Graham Shaw's skill. Brian Mooney may have gone, but there is enough quality around to provide enough chances to keep Rovers on their toes.

Unlike most clubs Tranmere will have no fears about the drastic plastic. Their neat style of play thrives on the surface that makes fools of the less adequate.

A first leg advantage would be handy, but anything more than a defeat would have me tipping another trip to London come the end of the season.

ALAN NIXON

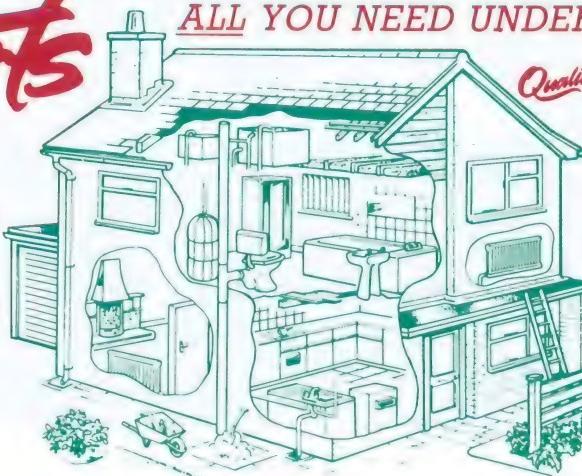
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Fanfile



Name: JEAN SEEGER

Occupation: Local Government Officer

Length of time supporting Tranmere: 3 years

Favourite player: Jim Steel

Best goal seen: Steely, winner at Wembley

Favourite away ground:

Wembley, why can't we support like that at home?

Ground least enjoyed: Bury, awful stand and loo's were filthy

Worst moment away: At Walsall. We all laughed at their 'Hi Ho' signature tune – they thrashed us!

Best time at Tranmere: I had a great night March 9th, 1990 (my birthday), watching Tranmere play Wigan. My husband and I were guests of Peter Johnson in the Directors. I was at the time undergoing chemotherapy and this was the first game that I had been well enough to attend since before Christmas. It was wonderful to be back, treated like a Queen and watch the team win.

My thanks to Margaret

Johnstone for her help, the team for the 'Get Well' card and to my husband for his support during my illness. Most people receive flowers and fruit in hospital, I got back issues of the programme and a photograph of Big Jim! Is this an answer to the fight against Cancer? Works for me!

Editors Note:

As you can see Jean has chosen not to follow the usual format with her answers.

Nevertheless, we are happy to publish her story and are glad that Tranmere were able to help her brave fight against cancer and hope she is now fully recovered.

FANFARE

TRAVELLERS TALES

Match: Wigan Athletic v Tranmere Rovers. Leyland DAF Cup Semi-Final, Northern Area.

Date: 19th February.

Method of travel: Car.

Departure: 5.45 pm.

Arrival at ground: 6.45 pm.

Admission: £4.50 (ground).

Programme price: £1.00.

Crowd: 4,414

Tranmere travelling support: 1,000 +.

View from away end: Good, once you got yourself above the level of the fencing. Ground seemed vast. Few seats available in stand – the rest of us stood on a very muddy bank.

Conduct of Police/Stewards: Heavy police presence outside ground, but I didn't see anyone being searched before entering. Unusual inside the ground in that they stayed outside the fence, on the track, rather than having a few members in with the crowd. Only saw one steward at the away end, also on the track.

Conduct/support of Rovers Fans: No arrests/ejections as far as I could see. Our fans made at least as much noise as the home fans. But why do I always get in front of somebody who insists on having a go at Jimmy Harvey? Not only does it not serve any purpose, but surely he knows he had a terrible game! Hell, all he did was to lay on two of the goals, and if he hadn't been playing, we'd still have won 1-0!!

Conduct/support of Home Fans: Chants of "You'll never get a job", "You're just a bunch of Scousers", etc – the usual, unoriginal fare – had been replaced by the end of the game by "Sack the board" and "Hamilton out" (shades of Preston North End).

Food facilities: Standard football ground menu – an expensive way to build up your cholesterol level! Chips looked a bad buy – 60 pence for a small cardboard cone, when a paperful of the same could be had for half the price at one of several excellent local chippies.

Toilet facilities: Gents – much like those at Prenton Park, but somewhat cleaner. Ladies – Where was the light? the bolt on the door? the chain? the water? All that there was – an excellent view into the gents as you were leaving this "black hole"!!

Additional Comments: The match took place on a very cold night, but it didn't seem quite so bad when the second and third goals went in! Very good to see that Muir is back on song. Generally, the Wigan ground is still showing the evidence of their non-league days . . . made



me wonder what the League would make them do if they ever gained promotion to the Second Division.

Social Events

As these notes are being written prior to our Open Night on Wednesday 27th February, I can't report back on it yet. However, how thoughtless of our neighbours, Liverpool and Everton, to announce their second FA Cup Replay for the same night! I hope to have a report on the Open Night for you in the next programme (the game versus Preston North End). Our next Quiz Night (on Sports and General Knowledge) will take place on Thursday 21st March in the Tranmere Suite at Prenton Park.

Newsletter

The latest newsletter was available for collection at the Open Night. Those of you who were unable to attend will have their copy delivered shortly.

Free Tickets

The winner of the draw for two free stand tickets for the last home games versus Fulham on Saturday 16th February was Mr. R. A. Read of Oxtongue.

Committee Meeting

The think-tank committee meeting was held as planned on Thursday 7th February, but the adverse weather conditions on that date stopped all the members being able to attend. Those of us who could get there carried on regardless, but obviously we can't reveal our plans for next year until the rest of the committee have approved them too. Watch this space!

And finally . . . let's all be "true" supporters and get behind the team in tonight's game, which has turned out to be a real six-pointer. Don't knock your own side!

Enjoy the match! CAROL DALZIEL

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This year there is an added bonus for fans selling draw tickets. For every book of tickets you sell you will receive one free entry in an agents draw with a prize that money can't buy. The winner will be invited to the team photocall at the start of next season and will have their picture taken on the team photograph. The winner will then receive a framed 10in. x 8in. photo signed by the team.

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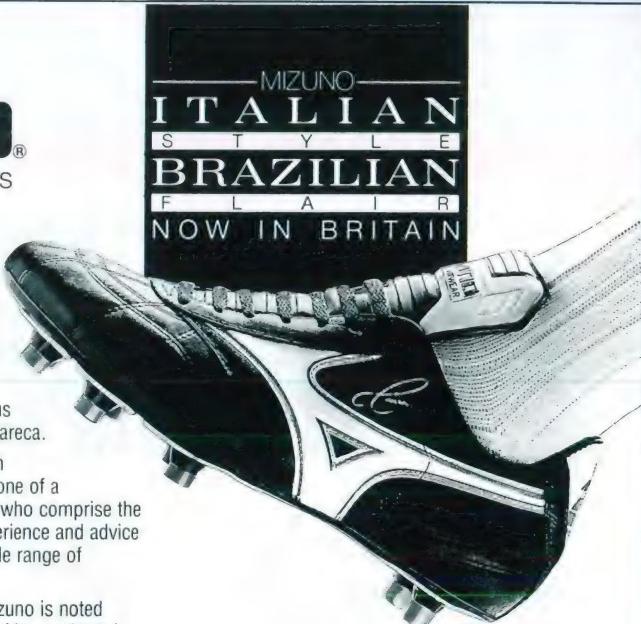
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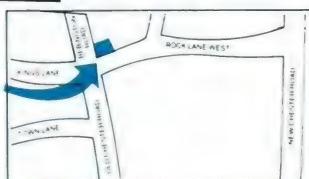


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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...

NOEL KELLY

by Brigid Benson

NOEL KELLY joined Tranmere from Nottingham Forest in July 1955 and six months later became the club's first Player/Manager.

"Tranmere wasn't an attractive club at the time, in fact they had a pretty bad name". Noel enjoyed his time at the club and made some good friends including Norman Wilson and Ralph Millington. It wasn't an ambitious team "we were driving towards nothing. We had no ambitions, we were simply existing – hanging in!"

Dublin-born Noel's two years in charge were constantly hampered by a lack of resources which led to the team finishing in 16th and 23rd place respectively in the Third Division (North). From his point of view there must hardly have been much incentive to do better, for all he was paid was £15 per week – the maximum wage allowed by League rules for a player!

When the parting of the ways came in September 1957, Noel took over at Ellesmere Port Town for a couple of seasons. He then opened his own business, Noel Kelly Sportsoutfitters, in Bromborough, which is still going strong and has indeed expanded with a second shop, run by his other son, in London Road, Liverpool.

Noel doubts that he would survive a year in the present game. "We played more slowly although the emphasis was on skill. Today's game is much more physical, skill comes into it, but it's a long way down the list. The old style game made me look good. If I had to play the present



Noel Kelly



Noel's son, John

NOEL KELLY FACTFILE

Born: Dublin 28-12-21

Height: 5ft. 7ins.

Playing Weight: 10st 10lbs.

Playing Career:

Glenitoran (not known)

Arsenal (1 app.)

Crystal P. (46 app. 6 goals)

Notts F. (48 app. 11 goals)

Tranmere (52 app. 6 goals)

Ellesmere P. (not known)

game they'd find me out in a week!"

Today's game is not only faster and more physical, it's also about big money entertainers. This business aspect spoils Noel's love of the sport. "There's more going on in the periphery than there is on the field. Clubs need to forget the financial ballyhoo and concentrate on getting the team onto the field. I've sat at matches next to big businessmen, friends of the club, who have not got a clue about the game. They don't appreciate the talent and the skill. They are only there on business". This explains why Noel can't be

bothered with the passion that once consumed him. "You see it differently when you are not a player. There is no involvement unless you are being too critical; you lose touch. I'd rather play a round of golf".

Noel's son, John Kelly is also a former TRFC player. They are the only father and son to play for Tranmere since the club joined the league. Surely Noel graces the terraces to see John play for Walsall? "No, I've hardly ever seen him play – six times at the most. I've seen too many stupid fathers who think their kids are worldbeaters. I leave John to get on with it."

Noel enjoys the company of people with a genuine love of the game. "These people are what makes a match for me, if I see a good game then that's a bonus."

How does Noel rate the club's promotion chances? "From the position they are in, they stand a good chance. They'll have to work hard but then there's no such thing as an easy game in the League. The club deserves success for the changes its made, I wish them well."



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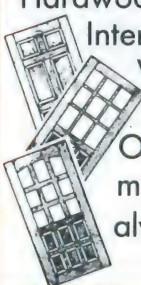
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**with
STEVE COOPER**

Perhaps the biggest compliment you could pay Steve Cooper is that every striker who has played alongside him has scored a bag full of goals thanks to his unselfish work. Said Rovers recent £100,000 recruit from Barnsley, "It's part of my job to create space and chances for others, but you've got to be a born goalscorer to put away the percentage of chances Muiry does."

Steve is looking forward to the opportunity of resuming the forward partnership he enjoyed with Ian Muir in Birmingham Reserves back in 1983-84 season.

"We probably played around 20 games together. I scored 13 goals but Muiry scored a lot more. He's got the knack alright.

"Even though I'm an Aston Villa fan I didn't want to leave St Andrews, but with someone like Mick Hartford playing up front for the first team I couldn't break through.

"Birmingham signed me from non-league Moor Green who were in the same league as Halesowen are now – the Beazer Homes. It was great to start with but then Ron Saunders let me go to Newport on a 'free'.

"I was only there eight months before Dave Smith came in for me and offered £25,000 plus a player and I was on my way to Plymouth.

"About the same time, Plymouth signed John Clayton from Tranmere and we forged a really good partnership at Home Park. At the end of that season we got promoted to the Second division. Dougie Anderson was another ex-Tranmere player who came to Plymouth while I was there.

"Clayt's went off to Holland – I think he's with Volendam now – while I had a few bad injuries which restricted my number of games. By then Tommy Tynan had joined us and he used to feed off me too.

"He's a great penalty box player – a natural finisher and we just seemed to hit it off."

In July 1988 the then Barnsley boss Allan Clarke paid Plymouth £100,000 for Steve and at Oakwell he linked up with David Currie.

Dave had been the re some time but together we just seemed to gel and very soon people were watching both of us. I believe Wimbledon offered over £300,000 for me but Allan Clarke turned it down. In the end it was Dave who got the big move to Forest."

But it was at Oakwell that Steve became



nationally famous for his back somersaults after scoring. "It's something I've always been able to do. I used to do gymnastics at school and was Midlands High Jump Champion once.

"I first did it after scoring my fourth goal in a match at Brentford when I was with Newport, but the Manager gave me a real ticking off afterwards so I never bothered again.

"When I was at Barnsley I'd do it in training sometimes and the lads encouraged me to do it after scoring.

"I remember we played at Stoke in a Cup tie and after being 3-0 up, Stoke pulled it back to 3-3. Peter Beagrie scored Stoke's equaliser and did a backflip.

"When I scored in the replay at Oakwell I did one too, but mine is better than his!

"The T.V. captured it and now people expect me to do it after every goal. To be honest, I'd rather be renowned for something else other than that!"

Though standing just under 5'11", Steve is very strong in the air – a legacy, he believes, of his gymnastic training.

"I suppose a typical goal for me is a diving header, having got in front of the marking defenders.

"I've played five years in the Second

division and can honestly say there's not one centre half who has frightened me. I think I've worried a few of them though!"

As he and wife Hayley hunt for a new home on the Wirral Steve reflected on his move to Rovers.

"At the start of the season everything was going O.K. for me but I got sent off against Port Vale and couldn't get back into the side. Then Tranmere came in for me.

"I only trained one day before my debut and was probably trying too hard, but at that time the team were going through a bad patch. Since I got left out though, they've hardly lost a game!"

With Jim Steel's impending 'transfer' to the Police, Steve can at least see some light at the end of the Tunnel.

"From what I can make out, they bought me to replace Jim when he goes, but I'm not taking anything for granted. Jim will be missed that's sure, but there's also Chris Malkin coming back so it doesn't mean I'll automatically replace Jim."

Given his past record alongside 'Clayts' Tynan and Currie, it could be that Ian Muir and Co will soon be reaping the benefit of 'Coopersmans' Second division knowhow – hopefully in the Second division!



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PAGES: 36 (smaller size) 33% adverts.

COVER DESIGN: Simple, but effective idea, showing a colour action shot inside a large "O", which forms part of "The O's" emblem.

LAYOUT STYLE: Highly unimaginative. However, to be fair, it must be difficult to find space among the multitude of adverts!

PHOTOGRAPH CONTENT: No colour photos used inside. Fair selection of black and white news and actions shots.

COVERAGE OF T.R.F.C.: A very basic 2½ pages of pen-pics, statistics and team photos.

STAR FEATURE: As one would say to Magnus Magnuson in Mastermind – "Pass!".

VALUE FOR MONEY RATING: *



WIGAN ATHLETIC

PRICE: £1.

PAGES: 32 (larger size) 36% adverts.

COVER DESIGN: Large, but poor quality colour action photo. Club name printed in blue and club crest are arranged above.

LAYOUT STYLE: Once again the football content seems to come a poor second after the profusion of adverts, including one showing a magnificent array of food made by the Latics' sponsors, Heinz, which would not look out of place in our Chairman's hamper catalogue!

PHOTOGRAPH CONTENT: Colour head and shoulder portraits are used for the Chairman's and Manager's columns. In addition, there is a wide selection of black and white shots to accompany most articles.

COVERAGE OF T.R.F.C.: Fortunately, the team photo and background information do actually feature Rovers, which is surprising as, according to the News and Views page,

Wigan's visitors were, in fact, CHESTER CITY! Wishful thinking, perhaps, on their behalf? The pen-pics are very clearly set out in team formation, but why is it the pitch background coloured bright yellow?

STAR FEATURE: "Press Ganged" is very well written by Ed Jones of the Wigan Reporter and is particularly complimentary about Ray Mathias's achievements as Wigan manager. The "Soccerline" feature is also very worthwhile and consists of selected quotes from the Clubcall interviews.

VALUE FOR MONEY RATING: ***

GRIMSBY TOWN

PRICE: 80p.

PAGES: 32 (smaller size) 23% adverts.

COVER DESIGN: A real play on the Mariners theme, with a fishing trawler manned by manager Alan Buckley and the Grimsby players.

Perhaps we could adopt a similar design for next season with Captain King on the bridge!

LAYOUT STYLE: The nautical theme is con-

tinued throughout with such articles as "In Port Today", "Caught in the Net" and "Trawling the Third". To complete the effect, each page is headed by a trawler sailing the rough seas and even the page numbers are printed inside fishing nets!

PHOTOGRAPH CONTENT: The highlight is an excellent double page player poster, in this case the former England striker Gary Birtles. Otherwise, though, it is slightly disappointing with a distinct shortage of action shots.

COVERAGE OF T.R.F.C.: 2½ pages with a particularly interesting background piece. However, I was a little puzzled by the reference to our midfield duo of Ian Harvey and Neil McNals!

STAR FEATURE: "Mariner's Logbook" catches the eye with a reproduction of the front page of the local sports paper of 10 years ago, alongside a report of Grimsby's 2-0 victory of Luton which kept them well in the hunt for promotion to the First Division!

VALUE FOR MONEY RATING: ****

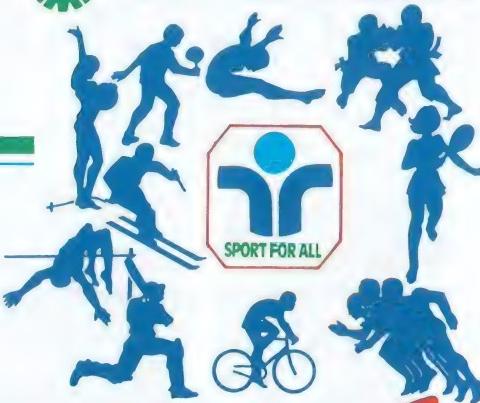
Third Division Statistics

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Southend	29	9	3	2	25	15	9	1	5	23	19	58	Angell 12	5,244	8,126	Tranmere 6	Mansfield 2
Bolton	30	8	5	3	21	13	8	3	3	19	16	56	Philiskirk 13	6,283	10,318	Huddersfield 4	Bolton 0
Grimsby	30	10	2	3	31	11	6	4	5	14	14	54	Woods 8	6,488	10,709	Stoke 4	Southend 0
Cambridge	26	7	3	4	24	19	6	5	1	20	10	47	Dublin 10	4,861	6,338	Rotherham 5	Wigan 1
Tranmere	29	8	4	3	27	14	5	4	5	17	20	47	Muir 11	6,342	10,327		
Bury	30	9	3	3	26	17	4	5	6	17	21	47	Lee 7	3,306	5,634		
Brentford	29	8	3	4	17	11	4	7	3	20	18	46	Blissett 8	6,018	8,021		
Birmingham	31	4	7	4	13	16	7	5	4	18	18	45	Sturridge, Bailey 5	7,063	10,123		
Huddersfield	30	8	2	5	21	16	4	6	5	11	16	44	Roberts, O'Regan 6	5,239	9,697		
Bradford	29	7	1	7	21	19	5	6	3	17	13	43	McCarthy 5	6,783	8,764		
Reading	27	7	3	4	24	20	6	1	6	16	15	43	Senior 13	4,527	6,562		
Leyton Orient	27	11	1	2	25	10	2	3	8	9	20	43	Castle 10	4,259	6,371		
Bournemouth	28	8	5	1	25	13	2	5	7	11	24	40	Blissett 13	5,874	8,700		
Stoke	28	5	5	4	24	18	5	4	5	12	17	39	Biggins, Ellis 6	12,391	16,009		
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Exeter	30	7	5	3	20	10	2	2	11	13	24	34	Hobson, Drydon 6	4,513	6,145		
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3 – Eddie Bishop (Tranmere)	v Mansfield
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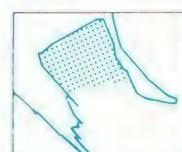
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RESERVES and YOUTH

Lancashire League Division 2

Tranmere Yth 4 Stockport 'B' 0

Rovers Youth chalked up a comfortable victory over Stockport despite finishing the match with just nine men after John McGreal and Kevin Kelly got their marching orders.

But there was one bright spot. Left winger **Mike Smith** scored a fine hat-trick – his first for the club.

His first goal came after just two minutes when a slip up in the visitors defence allowed him to dispossess a defender and score left footed.

Not even the dismissal of defender John McGreal on 20 minutes for 'foul and abusive language' could disrupt Rovers flow and minutes later Dunnes' raking pass sent Smith away for his second. Five minutes from half-time Smith completed his hat-trick from close range when Stockport again failed to clear their lines.

As Rovers cruised towards victory the game exploded ten minutes from time after Kevin Kelly had jumped in to separate Darren Moore and Stockports left back. Kelly and the Stockport player were both sent off after blows were exchanged.

Minutes from time Rovers completed Stockports' misery when **Dave Wallace** nodded in a deep cross from Scott James.

Rovers: Coyne; Hughes, James, McGreal, Richardson, Dunne, Kelly, Moore, Wallace, Morgan, Smith. Subs: G. Jones, M. Edwards.



Heswall 1 Tranmere Reserves 2

Friendly 20th February

After Birmingham called off the scheduled Midlands Senior League match Ray Mathias was more than grateful to Heswall who offered to fill the gap.

The match was a triumphant return to action for **Chris Malkin** who scored twice – breaking through the middle and rounding the 'keeper on both occasions – to give us victory after Heswall had taken an early lead.

Though looking rusty after his long lay off, Chris was delighted to be back in action and should soon be back in the first team frame.

Rovers: Collings; McCarrick, Foster, McGreal, Bailess, Vickers, Taylor, Martindale, Cooper, Malkin, Brannan. Sub: Morgan.

● On Wednesday, the Reserves played an away fixture against Darlington at Vauxhalls. A report on this match will appear in our next programme against Preston.

Midland Senior League

29 Aug	Bury	.....	2-3
3/4 Sept	Lincoln City	p-p	
10 Sept	Notts. Forest	2-6	
19 Sept	Hartlepool (Lge Cup)	6-0	
26 Sept	Birmingham	1-0	
3 Oct	Walsall	0-1	
11 Oct	Darlington	1-0	
15 Oct	Northampton	p-p	
24 Oct	Wrexham	3-4	
31 Oct	Doncaster	0-1	
7 Nov	Carlisle	1-0	
13 Nov	Carlisle (Lge Cup)	5-1	
21 Nov	Hartlepool	6-1	
28 Nov	Halifax Town	2-2	
4 Dec	Rochdale	2-0	
12 Dec	Stockport	2-1	
19 Dec	Stockport	0-0	
2 Jan	Shrewsbury	p-p	
9 Jan	Northampton	p-p	
16 Jan	Shrewsbury (Lge Cup)	3-1	
23 Jan	Walsall	1-1	
30 Jan	Notts Forest	1-3	
27 Feb	Darlington		
5 Mar	Bury	-	
13 Mar	Lincoln	-	
20 Mar	Carlisle	-	
27 Mar	Hartlepool		
3 Apr	Halifax	-	
10 Apr	Doncaster	-	
17 Apr	Peterborough	-	
24 Apr	Rochdale	-	
1 May	Shrewsbury	-	
15 May	Wrexham	-	

T.B.A. Peterborough (A)
Birmingham (H)
Chesterfield (A)

Lancashire League Div 2

25 Aug	Preston N.E.	.....	4-2
1 Sept	Everton B	.....	4-1
8 Sept	Blackburn	.....	2-2
15 Sept	Carlisle A	.....	2-2
22 Sept	Man City B	.....	1-2
29 Sept	Crewe Alexandra	p-p	
6 Oct	Bury A	.....	2-2
13 Oct	Marine Youth	.....	0-2
20 Oct	Manchester Utd B	.....	1-1
27 Oct			
3 Nov	Preston NE	.....	1-0
10 Nov	Oldham Ath B	.....	3-0
17 Nov	Liverpool B	.....	1-3
24 Nov	Crewe Alex B	.....	1-1
1 Dec	Wigan Ath A	.....	2-0
15 Dec	Marine (Lancs Lge Cup)	.....	0-3
19 Jan	Manchester C B	.....	8-1
26 Jan	Blackpool A	.....	0-2
2 Feb	Manchester Utd B	.....	0-1
16 Feb	Stockport 'C' A	.....	4-0
2 Mar	Marine Youth	.....	-
9 Mar	Wigan Ath A	.....	-
16 Mar	Blackpool A	-
23 Mar	Liverpool B	-

FA Youth Cup
5 Nov Bury 1-1
13 Nov Bury 0-3

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JIM HARVEY NL 1.23	5-9½	v. Rochdale	11.4	Bristol City 10.87 £25,000	286+3 149+2	38	42+1 39+2	7	28+1	3	MILLER KNIGHT PETER BIRD FAMILY BUTCHERS 051-236 5961		
Lurgan 2.5.58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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